

Charcoal House (Building No. 9)
(Hopewell Village National Historic Site)
near State Route 345
Union Township
Berks County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-5157C

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Pennsylvania	COUNTY Berks	TOWN OR VICINITY Union Township
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Charcoal House		HABS NO. PA-5157C
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Building No. 9; Hopewell Village National Historic Site		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) near State Route 345		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1801	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The Hopewell Furnace used charcoal for fuel, and the charcoal house served the important function of cooling and housing the charcoal.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Random rubble with quoins and buttresses		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 101'-9" x 29'; 1-story; projecting frame section (22'-3" x 17'-7") on south facade; open frame charcoal shed on north facade		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Frame projection has sliding doors on south front and double doors on north rear through which charcoal was loaded into the building (changed to windows connected to dormers ca. 1880)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Frame section added ca. 1880; charcoal shed reconstructed in 1957; frame section demolished and replaced by connecting shed in 1965; general restoration in 1965.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Burns, Deborah. Draft Manuscript of Pennsylvania HABS Catalog.		
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